

MOTION BY MAYOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH

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DENIM DAY

Peace Over Violence has declared April 27, 2011 as “Denim Day” in Los Angeles County, to raise awareness of the fact that rape and sexual assault remains a serious issue in our society, and injurious attitudes about rape and sexual assault allows these crimes to persist, and allows victim/survivors to be re-victimized.

“Denim Day” also was instituted to call attention to false impressions and misinformation about rape and sexual assault. Many in our society remain uninformed about issues of assault and forcible rape. With proper education, there is compelling evidence that we can successfully reduce incidents of this alarming and psychologically damaging crime.

The members of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors strongly support the efforts of Peace Over Violence, the organizers of “Denim Day”, to educate Los Angeles County residents about the true impact of rape and sexual assault in Southern California.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors designate April 27, 2011 as “Denim Day” throughout the County of Los Angeles, and urge all residents to participate by wearing jeans and attending area observances to help communicate the message that “there is no excuse and never an invitation to rape”.

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